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TAGS: MARR, AS, SEATO

SUBJ: SEATO 18TH COUNCIL MEETING

REF: CANBERRA 5154 (WHICH BEING REPEATED TO USUN

AND CINCPAC)

1. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIRST ASSISTANT

SECRETARY BLAKENEY SUMMONED DCM TODAY IN ORDER TO STRESS  
GOA CONCERN THAT THAIS WERE PROPOSING CHANGES IN LANGUAGE  
OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED PRESS RELEASE ON SEATO COUNCIL  
MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO BLAKENEY, THAI MEMBER OF COUNCIL REPS

HAD PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE INCLUDING WHAT AMOUNTED TO  
ADMONISHMENT OF NORTH VIET NAM REGARDING NVN ROLE IN  
CAMBODIA. BLAKENEY SAID GOA WAS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR  
CRITCHLEY TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT GOA COULD NOT ACCEPT  
CHANGES IN PACKAGE AGREED IN BANGKOK. BLAKENEY  
ADDED THAT ANY CHANGES, PARTICULARLY OF A NATURE TO  
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SUGGEST THAT SEATO WAS ALIGNED AGAINST NORTH

VIET NAM OR PRC, WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER SUBMISSION TO PRIME  
MINISTER WHITLAM AND VERY POSSIBLY REAL DIFFICULTIES  
IN MAINTAINING AUSTRALIAN POSITION TOWARD SEATO, WHICH  
HAD BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY DEVELOPED OVER PAST NINE MONTHS.  
HE REMINDED US THAT NEW AUSTRALIAN LABOR GOVERNMENT HAD  
ENTERED OFFICE VIRTUALLY COMMITTED TO WITHDRAW FROM  
SEATO.

3. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, SEATO RAMIANS EXTREMELY  
SENSITIVE WITHIN LABOR PARTY. WHILE WE APPRECIATE  
DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR UPON  
THAILAND, WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD TO WHAT  
AUSTRALIANS UNDERSTAND TO HAVE BEEN FIRM AND DETAILED  
AGREEMENTS AMONG COUNCIL REPS IN BANGKOK.

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